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Conservation Commission Minutes 08/16/2007

ARLINGTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 2007

Mr. White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Ellen Reed, David White, Associate Member Chuck Tirone, Judith Hodges, Catherine Garnett, and William O'Rourke of the Commission. Tim Sullivan and Nathaniel Stevens were not in attendance. Jon-Eric White of BSC Group was in attendance for the 40-42 Brattle St project.

7:30 p.m. - COMMISSION BUSINESS

Ms. Reed reported on the Green Dog program, the draft plan was submitted to us and our comments were due in mid September. Ms. Reed will draft the comments.

7:45pm – DISCUSSION – 40-42 BRATTLE ST – drainage plan alterations

Mr. White, of BSC, presented the plan to reroute the stormwater drainage pipes to another location under Brattle St, due to large sewer pipes obstructing the proposed plan. The rerouted pipes will be closer to Mill Brook than previously planned, but all work is still within the roadway.

The Commission asked questions regarding repaving, erosion controls, manholes and curbing.

Reed/Garnett motioned to accept the amended plans with conditions to maintain erosion controls on the rest of the site; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. White, of BSC, also had more information regarding the broken culvert over Mill Brook at this location, a granite beam broke in half and collapsed.

COMMISSION BUSINESS, CONT.

The edits for the Walking Book are due September 20. The grant application to the Arts Council is due October 15.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for Cookes Hollow will be revised, utilizing the one from Menotomy Rocks Park.

The COC request for 71 Spy Pond Lane is still pending. Ms. Garnett will visit the site to inspect the tree.

Ms. Hodges announced her impending resignation, since she bought a new house outside of Arlington. She gave her letter of resignation, with a date of October 20. Our Associate member, Chuck Tirone will apply for this position on the board.

Ms. Reed reported on the Menotomy Rocks Park project. The water bars on the path washed out with the last rain. The water had built up at the erosion controls.

Ms. Hodges and Mr. White installed a Conservation Land sign at our parcel at 53 R Park Ave (adjacent to Mill Brook).

Mr. O'Rourke produced the three purchase requisitions for the board to approve; the book scan, MACC dues and ACT weed pulling at the Reservoir.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm
Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Administrator